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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 24TH, 1908.

WELL, we have had the precious lecture.

It was distinctly disappointing. We were

assured that the attention of the lecturer

would be called to the issue raised, to the

only issue that the Hongkong public cares

anything about—namely, how far the

meddling of these foolish people with sick

persons could be justified by their expert.

The issue, that very plain and most important

issue, has been ignored. More, we have

no hesitation in saying it has been deli-

berately evaded. Our correspondents, all

practical minded people, chiefly put plain

questions of obvious importance, capable, if

there had been an iota of reason or method in

the madness of the "Christian Scientists,"

of simple answers. Instead we have been

treated to a farrago of nonsense, a hotch-

potch of contradictory and mutually

exclusive statements, that would condemn

any man brought before a Commission in

this instance, his formula is "2+2=0," he certainly wastes it. We want to hear an expert "scientifically prove and practically demonstrate" something; all he did was to claim that it could be done. He didn't try to do it. Instead, he fobbed us off with futile words like these—"What matters it, whether we believe that one-half times one-half is one-fourth? If we reject it, does that prove it false?—or if we accept it, does that make it true?" Our answer is a most willing negative. These people tell us that half of half is nothing, and the fact that they all accept it does not make it true. We reject their mischievous drivel—mischievous, be it remembered, in what it leads to—and they say, "But it is true for all that." They "reject all that is unlike the one perfect, absolute, and only God," that is, they reject disease and pain, deny its presence in the world, and we answer in their own way, "But it is there for all that." The fact is that "Christian Science" has fallen foul of the same puzzle that produced Manichæism, that made many tribes besides the Persians decide there must be two deities, one good, one evil, one benignant, one malignant. The Manichæan says, "the good creator could not create evil; evil is, therefore there must have been also a creator of evil." That, to say the least, is a solution more intelligible and intelligent than this Christian Science formula, "evil cannot be, therefore evil is not." They prate of metaphysics, but no person who can swallow their doctrines has sufficient brain power to grasp much less subtle matters. This is an unkind assertion, so we hasten to justify it in their own style, with the formula, "they cannot have, therefore they have not." If they had, they would recognise their *regressus ad infinitum*, in this simple progression of ideas:—(1) There cannot be evil—(2) there is no evil—(3) what mortals call evil is an illusion of the mind—(4) nevertheless an evil illusion of the mind has evil effects upon it—(5) an evil effect must have an evil cause—(6) an evil cause is evil—(7) therefore there is evil—(8) but there cannot be evil, &c. &c. But why should fools be answered according to their folly? There were scores of passages in the lecture that only need to be arranged in pairs to show their self-evident absurdity; that is, if logic counts for anything, and these people persist in prating of logic. We regret, however, that we have had to waste time on their intellectual divagations, which lead nowhere. Nothing was said to the point; there was no attempt at substantiation of the local claims to cure real organic diseases. Only this—that disease does not exist; organs do not exist, even the individual mind does not exist. In short, man does not exist, therefore all the allegations against them of ignominious failures to cure were wrong. Patients who never existed certainly cannot be said to have died on their hands. What we now hope for is that some non-existent healer of non-existent disease may one day be arrested by an unreal police officer, sentenced by an illusory judge for manslaughter to a long term on real bread and water. If we have seemed to write too strongly, may we not plead the influence of the sad cases lately brought to our notice? Pain is very real to us, and the thought of the little girl at Manchester, the sad case outlined by Mr. MAY, and others, puts us in the mood to believe that there is indeed much real evil in the cosmos. Charlatans and their dupes simply add to the heap.

The fourth and fifth plague cases were recorded yesterday.

The French Mail of the 24th December was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

The favorite site for the new typhoon harbour seems to be at Cheungshawan.

The Daily Press mail tables have been ready for some time, and the stock in hand is fast dwindling.

The estimates provide \$20,000 for this year's mullah training works. The P.W.D. has submitted a programme to absorb \$19,100.

In the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield competition, at 4.15 p.m. to-day, on the Naval ground, H.M.S. "Waterwitch" will play E. Coy Camerons.

The Duke of Connaught's statue is to remain permanently on its present site facing Polder's wharf, but a finer pedestal will probably be provided. The P.W.D. has recommended a design for this.

We learn that the Hamburg-America Line is withdrawing from the Far Eastern passenger business. The ships of the "Rhenania" class are therefore likely to be replaced on the run by others built entirely for freight service.

Railway estimates to December next (Kowloon to Canton) published yesterday, mention \$4,250,000 as the amount to be spent this year. Last year about \$2,914,461 was expended, rather more than the estimate. Preliminary expenses are over now. The chief item this year is \$1,250,000 for land.

TELEGRAMS.

HULL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The Hull Labour Conference has

passed a vote in favour of Socialism,

thereby reversing its former vote.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Colonel Luke and Sir David Brand

are dead.

[Lieutenant Colonel Edward Vyvyan Luke,

R.M.L.A., was 47 years of age. He joined the

Royal Marines in 1880, served in the Egyptian

campaign 1882; was present at the actions of

Qal-el-Mahuta, Mehemah, Kassassin (twice) and

Tel-el-Kebir. He was adjutant and

company instructor of the Royal Marines

1888-91, was adjutant 1st V.B. P.W.O. W.

York's regiment, 1891-96; served during the

campaign China, 1900, was commandant of the

International troops at the taking of the

military college at Tientsin on June

17th; had military command of the Naval

Brigade at Tientsin, 1924 June (slightly

wounded, July 3rd) was in command of the

Royal Marines in the taking of Tientsin city,

13-14 July, slightly wounded; was appointed

to the command of the International police,

Tientsin Provisional Government, which he

resigned to command battalion of Royal

Marines for relief of Peking; was present at

the battle of Fochang; in command of a British

column sent to operate with the French for the

relief of Peking cathedral (mentioned in

despatches twice); was promoted brevet Lieut-

enant-Colonel on 23rd November 1907 (awarded

C.B. 26th June 1902, medal, Egypt, China and

Khedive's Star).

[Sir David Brand was 71 years of age. He

was Sheriff of Ayr since 1885; chairman

of the Royal Commission (Highlands and

Lowlands) 1882-85; member of the Congested

Districts (Scotland) Board since 1897; and a

Commissioner of Northern Lighthouses since

1885.]

JAPANESE POLITICAL CRISIS.

Tokyo, January 23rd.

At to-day's session of the Diet there

was a joint party motion of want

of confidence in the Government. It

was moved and supported by members

of the Shimpoto, Daido, and Yukokai

parties in opposition, and was based

upon the failure of the official financial

policy to avoid an increase of taxation.

As a result of the vote there was a

majority of nine. Mr. Shimada made

a strong speech for the Opposition.

The house was crowded, among the

visitors being many members of the

Diplomatic Corps.

SMALL-POX AT KOBE.

Tokyo, January 23rd.

The small-pox epidemic at Kobe,

has attained the most serious dimen-

sions. To date two thousand cases

have been reported, six hundred of

which have proved fatal. Three

foreigners are now in hospital.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

TURKEY AND PERSIA.

LONDON, January 21st.

The St. Petersburg Bourne Gazette states

that Turkish troops on the Persian frontier

have been ordered to mobilize, and the

reserves have been called out.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN GERMANY.

LONDON, January 21st.

A fight has occurred between the un-

employed and the police, in front of the

Reichstag, during which the police charged

with swords, and numbers of the unemploy-

ed were wounded in the head.

A demonstration of the unemployed in

Hanover resulted in an attack on the police

with knives.

The annual directory of Protestant mis-

sionaries in China, Japan, and Corea for 1908,

issued from the Daily Press office, appears

larger than ever. It will be found to have been

as carefully and correctly compiled as usual.

The municipal authorities at Shanghai have

recently discovered a small military burial

ground against the wall of the native city. It

dates from the British occupation of the city in

the early sixties, and has now been cleaned up

and enclosed.

A report of a meeting of the Public Works

Committee, laid before the Legislative Council

yesterday, shows that several members agreed

as to the necessity of dredging Causeway Bay,

which we advocated as an immediate step

pending the completion of the new typhoon

refuge. Mr. Boulton estimates the cost at

\$70,000. There are people who think it could

be done for less.

The report of the Subsidary Coin Committee,

laid before the Legislative Council yesterday,

contains too much matter adequately to be noted

in our congested space to-day. It may be

mentioned that the members were sharply

divided, and that the same old contention as to

possible remedies still prevailed. The majority

submitted a draft Bill on lines adopted from

Singapore, prohibiting the import and circula-

tion of all other subsidiary coinage, except cash.

The various minutes give an interesting sum-

mary of the mixed views prevailing in the

Colony.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE

COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative

Council was held on the 23rd instant in the

Council Chamber.

PRESENT—

His Excellency THE GOVERNOR, SIR

FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD,

K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treas-

urer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of

Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BENWIN (Registrar-

General).

Hon. Commander BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N.

(Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. S. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Mr. H. KESWICK.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were

read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of

His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table

Financial Minutes Nos. 1 and 2, and moved

that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and

the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of

His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table

the report of the Subsidary Coinage Committee

and a report of the estimated expenditure on

the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section)

for the year 1908.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, by com-

mand of His Excellency the Governor, laid on

the table the Report of the Public Works Com-

mittee (No. 1).

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg that the

resolution standing in my name be in the first

instance referred to the Finance Committee.

The resolution was as follows:—It is hereby re-

solved that a sum of Four million two hundred

and fifty thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000) be

advanced out of funds in the custody of the

Government for the purpose of construction of

the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Sec-

tion) during the year 1908.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and

the motion was agreed to.

CHINESE EMIGRATION AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—in the absence

of the learned neighbour on my left I beg to

move the first reading of a Bill entitled An

Ordinance to amend the Chinese Emigration

Ordinance, 1899.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and

the Bill was read a first time.

THE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the first

reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to

authorise the removal of Fire Insurance Com-

panies from the Register of Companies in

certain cases.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and

the Bill was read a first time.

FIRE BRIGADE ORDINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second

reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to

amend the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1883. He

said—In addition, Sir, to the reasons given in

the objects and reasons of the Bill, I would say

that the object of this Ordinance is to give the

Captain Superintendent of Police, who is also

Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, the same

powers over men under his command in the Fire

Brigade as he possesses over men under his

command in the police force. It is well to bear

in mind in this connection that all European mem-

bers of the Fire Brigade with the exception of

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THE Company's Steamship "HAIMUN," Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 27th inst., at 2 P.M.

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"KUMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamer

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E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908. 1

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C. H. GRACE, Secretary, Hongkong, 9th January, 1908. 172

SCOTTISH MASONIC QUADRILLE ASSOCIATION.

A REGALIA DANCE will be held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 7th of February. Dispensation to wear Regalia for English and Scotch Masons has been received from the District Grand Masters. No invitation to this Dance will be issued after the 5th day of February.

A launch will leave the Star Ferry Wharf at 2 A.M. to convey Kowloon residents back.

JOHN J. BLAKE, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908. 252

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Owners of adjacent property and the general public who may be interested in the effect of the Tramway upon the Public Gardens can inspect the plans and drawings at the Office of the Director of Public Works for a period of one month from this date between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

By Command, F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 250

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE 1893.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LANMAN & KEMP of No. 137, Water Street in the City of New York in the United States of America, Merchants, have on the 5th day of September, 1900, applied for the registration in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Marks of the following TRADE MARK:

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 21st January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary, Hongkong, 15th January, 1908. 203

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 28th January, 1908, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., General Agents, for the WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED, Hongkong, 10th January, 1908. 183

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 28th January, 1908 at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th January to TUESDAY, the 28th January (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary, Hongkong, 10th January, 1908. 184

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 31, GEORGE STREET, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1908, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, and for the purpose of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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By Order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 16th January, 1908. 209

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexander Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Central, on FRIDAY, 31st January, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

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DIOCESAN SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Lugard, presided at the annual distribution of prizes of the Diocesan School and Orphanage held yesterday. There were also present among others His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, the Ven. Archdeacon Banister, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, Captain Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C., Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, private Secretary, Mr. G. Piercy, head of the Diocesan School, Dr. and Mrs. Bateson Wright, Rev. and Mrs. Pearce, Ho. Kom-tong, Miss Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton, Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Baswood, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. J. Shepherd, Mr. Macpherson, Dr. Schree, Rev. Stevens, Mrs. Tutoher and Mr. A. O. Brown.

Mr. G. Piercy read the report, as follows:—The year began rather unfortunately, for the boys had re-assembled only a short time after the Chinese New Year holidays, when an epidemic of mumps, measles and chicken-pox broke out and the school was closed by medical advice for ten days (including Easter) and absence on account of illness was very common until the warm weather set in, in May. Notwithstanding this, with an enrolment of 329 boys, the average attendance was 228.5 compared with 222.5 in 1906. Every year a number of applicants for admission both as boarders and day-scholars have to be refused for want of accommodation, so that much higher figures cannot be expected until the older and more dilapidated parts of the buildings are replaced by more modern and larger premises. In addition to weekly examinations held throughout the year, I examined the whole school at Midsummer, and again in May. At the close of the present term and am satisfied with the good work done throughout the year, and more especially the improvement in the lower part of the school. At the Oxford Local Examinations in July 8 boys passed the Preliminary, 4 the Junior and 3 the Senior, making a total of 15 as compared with 12 passed last year. In the Hon. Secretary's Annual Report, Dr. Bateson Wright reviews the 2 years that these Local Examinations have been held in this Colony, and concludes with this sentence: "It is manifest that the path for steady success during the last 16 years cannot be withheld from the Diocesan School." Mr. Wolfe, H. M.'s Inspector of Schools, who examined the boys orally in the lower part of the school and by written work in the upper form last December, has awarded to Chiu Chiu-tai a prize for history kindly presented by Mr. H. W. Kennett for the boy most distinguished in the Government Examinations. Two years ago Sir Matthew Nathan presented a handsome silver shield to be competed for by teams of ten from any school teaching hygiene. Seven schools entered for the examination which was held at Queen's College for boys and at the Belknap School for girls. Our team consisted of five boys from the fourth and five from the fifth standards; their aggregate of marks was about 60 more than that of any other team and so we, for the second time, carried off the shield. The Hon. Dr. Atkinson has kindly given a prize for the best hygiene paper in the school. In January of last year Mrs. Noble resigned to be married and her place was most efficiently filled by Mr. Thorford, a trained and certified teacher who has greatly improved the work of the lower classes, especially in arithmetic. In November Mr. Duncan Brown arrived from Australia to take the place of Mr. Hall on his return to England. The Anglo-Chinese Assistant was twice changed and now we have in Mr. Lui Cho-hang a teacher who can maintain order and explain the English lessons in Chinese most satisfactorily. The boarders have been regularly drilled by Sergeant Liddard of the Middlesex Regiment. The bathing excursions were greatly enjoyed and an interesting larger number of boys were able to swim in the season closed with aquatic sports when prizes for the various events were eagerly competed for: our thanks are due to Messrs. Nairn and Tuxford for kind assistance on that occasion. On Boxing Day the usual joint picnic for the boarders in the two Diocesan schools was held and a pleasant afternoon was spent at Sueton where various sports were indulged in. Cricket and more especially football still continue very popular and matches have been played with varying success. Our thanks are due to J. Brown, Esq., who kindly gave a lantern and slides to Messrs. Skelton & Co. for 10 bags of flour; also the Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. L. Arnold, F. B. L. Bowley, Fung Wai-chuen, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, H. W. Kennett, Sin Tak-fan, F. Southey, A. S. Tuxford and Wing Po-chuen for contributions towards the Prize fund.

His Lordship Bishop Landor on behalf of the committee, the staff and the boys of the school expressed a very cordial welcome to their Excellencies who had so very kindly attended the annual prize distribution. He thought ladies and gentlemen who took an interest in education had plenty of occupation during the last few days. The same fact is at the different prize distributions showed a spirit of harmony in connection with education, and it would be a good thing if they had the same hearty co-operation in their educational work. The English people were sometimes in danger of suffering from the disease called inactivity, but the scholars at the Diocesan School were not likely to suffer from that. His Lordship concluded an excellent address by exhorting the boys to do what they had to do with all their might, and then called upon the Governor.

His Excellency, who on rising was received with great applause, said—My Lord Bishop, Mr. Piercy, Ladies and Gentlemen, When you assembled this time last year on this very interesting occasion the proceedings were clouded by the memory of the loss of Bishop Hoare who was so deservedly popular as chairman of the committee of this school, and who lost his life in the typhoon of September 1906. During the last year my predecessor, Sir Matthew Nathan, has been transferred to another sphere, and you have again before you a great friend and one who took the keenest interest in the Diocesan Boys School. We, my Lord Bishop and myself, who are the successors to those supporters of education in Hongkong, and of the Diocesan Boys School, are here to-day to assure you both by our presence and by our words that we take no less deep an interest in the education of this school than those who preceded us (applause). I have glanced at previous reports concerning this school, and I see it has been a fortunate task to whoever provided in the chair on this occasion almost invariably to be able to praise the work of the previous year, and to congratulate the school on its progress, and I am most glad it has fallen to me to be able to do the same this year. The average attendance has increased. It stood at 195 in 1905; it reached 228 in the next year; and this year it has risen again to 228.5. The headmaster in his report which I have just heard, says he is thoroughly satisfied with the progress made during the year, and I think his standard is a high one. I was glad to see, also, that he laid special stress on the progress of the lower

school. The Inspector of Schools told us that this school was thoroughly efficient, and was awarded the highest grant (applause). I would like to have been able to see the report for the past year of the committee, but I believe it is not yet issued. I, however, looked up the report of the year before, 1906, and I see that the committee then said they were glad to be able to congratulate the school on more pupils, more fees and a better average attendance, and I think from what we have heard they will be able to say that in the report on the year just closed. Ladies and Gentlemen, you cannot have more pupils if you have not got room to put them, and we heard from Mr. Piercy that the accommodation in the school is now too limited, and he desires that new buildings should replace the old ones. The school is managed by a very powerful and influential Committee and I hope they will take this matter into their consideration and see whether or not it is feasible to make the extensions the headmaster desires so that on a future year you will not have to say that boys have been from year to year refused because there was not room to put them up. Personally I should like to say that any extensions should be specially made to accommodate boys. I believe myself that a boy does not derive the full benefit of school life, as I said the other day, I think, St. Joseph's College, unless he learns to find his own level amongst other boys; unless he learns the training of character which necessarily comes from mixing with other boys, and finding, as I said, his level amongst them. The Inspector of Schools gives us a detailed criticism on the different subjects which have formed the study of the past year. I do not intend to follow him in detailed criticism or detailed remarks upon them. Personally, although I have myself always been on the classical side in Public Schools, I am sorry to see that Latin is taught in a school which numbers only eighteen Europeans out of a total of 248. But this is a matter for the Committee to decide. I am very glad to be able to congratulate the school on winning the hygiene shield for the second time in succession and with a large preponderance of marks—60 above any other competitors (applause). I am glad to hear of the interest taken and the good results achieved in the course of visual instruction. That I think is one of the forms in which habits of observation can best be trained, and those habits of observation I entirely concur with your Lordship are at least as useful as lessons in the classroom. In sport you did not succeed last year in retaining the football shield, but I hear that both football and cricket have been well maintained. There are a large number of schools in Hongkong each with a different aim and object, and we can gauge to some extent their relation towards each other and their comparative merits in the matter of education by the report of the Inspector of schools, but that report does not include Queen's College and I think St. Stephen's. We can also gauge it to some extent by the competition for the Oxford local examination and also by the competitions for the Belknap prize, the hygiene shield and other prizes for every competition between all the schools. But I should like myself to see some simple test on general information and general intelligence. I propose therefore, if it meets with the concurrence of the Headmasters to offer a small prize next year for a paper on general information. I would set it myself and ask one or two questions on each subject which has formed the study of the past year; and each school would nominate say four or five boys to compete. I should like if possible to institute a handicap for age but we will see whether that is feasible or not. In sports and athletics too we have got a football league and a challenge shield, but I see comparatively few cricket matches, and no matches at all so far as I am aware in hockey, tennis, swimming &c. I make the suggestion that you should appoint a committee of say, one master from each of the principal schools and perhaps one boy; they should form a general committee for sports and athletics. It should be their business if possible, to institute an inter-school annual athletic competition and also arrange different inter-school matches. And so far as I can see such competition as there has been between the different schools in athletics has been limited to the first eleven of each school in either cricket or football. I should like to see second elevens compete together, and if it is possible to get up a sufficient number of second elevens in the different schools should be glad to give a prize (applause). I have made a good many speeches of late, ladies and gentlemen, at the different schools, and at the press have been so kind as to report me as being weary of the school that I have said had reached you, so I will not repeat myself. The Lord Bishop has called our attention to the fact that this school is largely cosmopolitan. I see in the report of last year that of a total number of 248, 174 were Asiatics, and perhaps it will not be entirely out of place, although my remarks would have been more appropriate in my address yesterday when I spoke to a thousand Chinese boys, yet it will not perhaps I may be without justification if I allude to a little book I happened to pick up yesterday written by Chiu Chiu-tung called 'Y. Chiu's Only Hope.' It is a remarkable little book written by a more remarkable man.

Chiu Chiu-tung, as you know, is second to none of China's statesmen, and has a peculiar claim upon our attention both on account of his principles and his learning, and his distinguished services. Perhaps it is that matter he is rather exceptional. Chiu Chiu-tung says, speaking of education, "that it is absolutely necessary for China to utilize Western knowledge, for knowledge alone can preserve China from destruction." He stresses, his readers to put aside their "wang" and queue, by which are understood empty form and pride and schools throughout China and even as far as to say of the Temple of Buddhism and Taoism that seven out of ten should be turned into schools. These are the words of one of the greatest temporary Chinese statesmen. I think they should carry a great weight with Chinese views, and I think also they should be an encouragement to us showing appreciation by many Chinese of the efforts we are making to spread Western knowledge amongst the Chinese. Boys, your holidays begin to-day, and I hope you will have very pleasant ones, but I would ask you not to let them be entirely idle. Spend a little time in keeping abreast of what you have learned during the past year, and I recommend you specially to read interesting and instructive works. Those of you who won prizes have your prizes to read, and those who have not will no doubt be able to borrow books or get them from the library. I wish you all pleasant holidays and a Happy New Year (applause).

Reverend Mr. Johnson stated that two years ago his liberal and liberal-minded Chinese gentleman gave them a large cheque to provide a scholarship. He wished His Excellency to present this scholarship to the successful student, Chiu Yung-tai. It did not contain money but a token that he was the winner of the scholarship for the past year. His Excellency presented the Ho Kom Tong scholarship to the winner and the hygiene shield to the winning team amid great applause after which the Venerable Archdeacon Banister proposed, and Dr. Atkinson seconded a hearty vote of thanks to their Excellencies. The vote was carried by acclamation and cheers followed for Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard, the Lord Bishop, the headmaster and the visitors.

TEN CRUSOES.

FIVE MONTHS ON A DESERT ISLAND.

There are few things more romantic in the world of adventure (says the "Observer") than the experience of Donald Morrison, second mate of the Norwegian barque Alexandra Oubis, with several companions, was stranded for five months last year on a desert island in the Pacific, suffering terrible privations. Morrison returned to England last month. The Alexandra Oubis, a boat of 1,600 tons, left Newcastle, New South Wales, for Panama, twelve months ago in November. For two months she had favourable winds, and then she was becalmed for four months, gradually drifting towards the equator. At length, on May 8th, the crew took to their boats, an men in each, hoping to make the Galapagos Islands. The boats lost each other. Eleven days after quitting the barque Morrison's boat reached an island of the Galapagos group, more desert than Robinson Crusoe's. For five months the ten castaways existed on this island. They managed to kill a few seal and turtle, and had fruit and sugar. The captain went out of his mind, and remained so for five weeks. A German sailor went to look for food alone, and never returned. His comrades found his bones picked clean by the birds. The party had one pipe between them, and smoked it in turns, using a blend of dried leaves and bark. On October 28th a sloop came and rescued them. The other boat had reached Iquique and sent rescue.

A COCK AND BULL STORY.

REQUIREMENT AND THE BRITISH PACIFIC SQUADRON. The Central News says it is informed officially that there is no foundation whatever for the statement published in certain of the London papers to the effect that the Admiralty has decided to establish a naval base at Esquimaux for a Pacific and North American Squadron, composed of the present Fourth Cruiser Squadron and six cruisers of the County Class. "It is all moonshine," said an Admiralty official in an interview. "There are no developments of a kind rendering it advisable to station a squadron in the Pacific. At present the Freshwater and a small vessel are serving in these waters." The Press representative was informed that the arrangements mentioned by the First Lord in his statement explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1907-8, last February, "to transfer the naval yards at Halifax and Esquimaux to the Dominion Government, subject to the condition that they shall be available for the repair of His Majesty's ships, as far as their facilities admit, and that the Admiralty shall be free to resume possession at any time when naval interests require it," are now practically complete.

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 KAIPOING, British str., for Cebu.
 SIAM, Danish str., for Singapore.
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MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 29th inst.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th February.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Feb., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 2nd February.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th Feb., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst., at 9 a.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst., at 10 a.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 27th inst., at 2 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst., at 11 a.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st February.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th Feb., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Feb., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst., at 6 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 31st inst., at 3 p.m.
MADEIRA, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	YARRE	Brit. str.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	Quick despatch.

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"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	THURSDAY, 18th Febr. ... 2nd March	
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	THURSDAY, 12th March ... 30th March	
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	THURSDAY, 8th April ... 27th April	
"MONTAGUE"	6,163	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April ... 16th May	
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Hongkong, 21st January, 1908.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS	ARCADIA	Neon, 25th Jan.	See Special of Call.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, SOCOBTRA, and YOKOHAMA	Capt. W. B. Hickey	About 20th Jan.	Freight only.
LONDON and ANTWERP	SUNDA	About 25th Jan.	Freight and Passenger.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NUBIA, and YOKOHAMA	Capt. F. J. Fox	About 2nd Febr.	Freight and Passenger.

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H. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1908.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL
AMOI, NINGPO, and SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 24th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 25th Jan., 4 P.M.
HONGKONG and HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 28th Jan., 11 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 28th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, HOBAIT, LAUNCESTON, NEW ZEALAND, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, and PERTH	"CHINGTU"	On 31st Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOSHING"	On 1st Febr., 4 P.M.
CHU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 1st Febr., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 4th Febr., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"YOCOW"	On 5th Febr., 4 P.M.

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FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"ZIETEN"	Wed., 29th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MANILA, KOBÉ, and YOKOHAMA	"KLEIST"	About Wednesday, 29th Jan.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	Thursday, 30th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA and KOBÉ	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	About Friday, 7th Febr.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	Middle of Feb.

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SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,
GOTHENBURG.PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STRAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBÉ	"CATHAY"	On 18th February

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Hongkong, 17th January, 1908.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO'S S.S.	LEAVING
TAMUI VIA SWATOW	"JOSEPH MARU"	SUNDAY, 24th Jan., at 9 A.M.
AND AMOI	Capt. H. S. SMITH	

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1908.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY LIMITED.

The report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1907, for presentation to the shareholders at the ordinary annual general meeting of the Company, to be held at the registered office of the Company, on January 31st next.

To the Shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.

Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

The net profit for that period amounts to \$108,948.84

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account \$11,567.15

\$120,515.99

And from this have to be deducted:

Remuneration to Directors 5 per cent. Commission on net profits \$5,447.44

Remuneration to General Managers 5 per cent. Commission on net profits \$5,447.44

10,894.88

Leaving available for appropriation \$109,621.11

The Directors recommend that a dividend of seven per cent. on the paid-up capital be paid to shareholders, amounting to \$105,000.00, and that the balance of \$4,621.11 be carried to a new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

During the year Dr. J. W. Noble was offered and accepted a seat on the Board. The Directors now are:—Messrs. A. G. Wood, J. Scott, H. A. W. Slade, J. S. Van Buren, Ho Tung, and Dr. J. W. Noble. In accordance with rule 78 of the Company's Articles of Association they all retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Mr. W. H. Gaskell having resigned, his place has been taken by Mr. H. Percy Smith, who, in conjunction with Mr. W. Hutton Potts, audited the accounts. Mr. Potts and Mr. Percy Smith offer themselves for re-election.

HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1908.

BALANCE SHEET.

For the year ending 31st December, 1907.

Capital subscribed—150,000 shares at \$10

each \$1,500,000.00

Insurance reserve fund 217,436.60

Fund for equalization of dividend 30,000.00

Mortgages 30,000.00

Sundry creditors 43,375.70

Unclaimed dividends 1,974.59

Profit and loss account

Amount carried forward \$11,567.15

For the year 1907 108,948.84

120,515.99

\$1,961,194.28

ASSETS.

Amount invested in property \$1,321,090.50

Amount invested on mortgage 310,712.57

Accounts receivable 28,034.64

Office furniture 538.00

Fire insurance premium 419.70

Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and on hand 3,406.78

\$1,964,194.28

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1907.

To fire insurance premium \$5,628.02

To crown rent 5,000.33

To general charges 2,442.15

To allowance to general managers to cover office rent and salaries of secretary and clerks \$3,000.00

To repairs 3,532.33

To auditors' fees 250.00

To balance 120,515.99

\$45,475.77

By balance carried forward from 1906 \$31,337.15

December 31st, 1907

By rents 101,420.62

By interest 32,236.57

By transfer fee 91.13

By commission 91.13

\$145,475.77

COAL TOO DEAR FOR STEAMERS

LARGE NUMBERS TO BE LAID UP.

A serious crisis in the shipping trade has been brought about by the high price of coal. A London paper says:—The shipowners of Liverpool, Glasgow, London, Cardiff, Grimsby, and other ports agreed to lay up a percentage of their steamships because the high price of coal makes it impossible for them to run the boats, except at a loss. It is said that a large number of vessels will be laid up, and their cargoes transferred to other ships which are now sailing only partly full. This means, of course, that thousands of men will be thrown out of employment.

From all parts of the country some stories of manufacturing industries crippled or forced to suspend on account of the price of coal. Sheffield is suffering acutely, and Scotland is also feeling the pinch.

In view of these facts, it is interesting to note that the export of coal this year—the first since the removal of the coal export tax by the present Government—has increased by 7,000,000 tons, Germany alone taking 2,000,000 tons more than in 1906.

Arrangements were made between the shipowners of Liverpool, Glasgow, London, Cardiff, Grimsby, and other ports to suspend the sailings of a percentage of each owner's ships in consequence of the increased cost of coal.

They have found it impossible under ordinary conditions to advance the rates freight during the present year owing to the low prices at which manufacturing firms have been compelled by foreign competition to sell their goods. The result will be that a large number of steamers will be laid up indefinitely and the cargoes diverted to the other vessels, which have sailed on frequent services, although often only three-parts laden.

At Grimsby and Hull, where the great fleet of steam trawling fishing boats have their headquarters an actual crisis has arisen owing to the demand of the South Yorkshire coalowners for a still further increase in price. In 1906 the bunker coal contracts for the trawlers were made at 8s. 6d. a ton at the pit. This year they have been 9s. 6d. a ton and the price now asked for the new contracts is 12s.

The increase means an additional expense of £300 for each trawler in the year over 1906 and the owners say that it cannot be done. "No single-owned vessel could possibly be run profitably on such coal prices," an "Express" representative was informed, "and while it may be long before the larger firms will lay up all their vessels, the smaller fry will quickly lay up for repairs or on other pretexts, if the price is persisted in."

At Southampton the present high price of coal is hitting the shipping companies very hard, but so far there has been no interference with sailings. The company that would have suffered most, by reason of the length of the voyage which its vessels have to undertake, viz., the Union Castle Line, has sought relief by using Natal coal as much as possible.

Transatlantic companies are not so favourably
circumstanced, and they are feeling the pinch
very severely. A prominent shipping manager
informed an "Express" representative yesterday
that it was now costing nearly £1,000 per voyage
more than it did twelve months ago to send the
largest and fastest liners across the Atlantic.

The warships stationed at Plymouth are being considerably restricted in their evolutionary work as the supplies of coal in Devonport Dockyard are rather below the average normal level, and the Admiralty is said to be reluctant to place large contracts at the present high rate.

Distress is becoming acute in Glasgow and most of Scotland. Foundries are being closed down, and shipbuilding yards and engineering works are dismissing men. The reason for this condition of affairs is, undoubtedly, the high price of coal, which is being exported from Scotland in such large quantities that home prices have risen to such an alarming extent as to demoralize other industries.

The iron and steel industries of the Midlands are suffering severely from the continued high price of coal, which has been strengthened by the advance in miners' wages.

The railway wagon trade is seriously affected by the high price of material, and valuable export orders have been lost. Unless relief is afforded in fuel rates many ironworks are likely to suspend operations.

Complaints have been made in Sheffield recently concerning the high price of coal. Sheffield lies in the heart of the coalfields, but the export trade has been so heavy that there have been difficulties in delivery.

Prices are abnormally high in the Welsh coalfields, and buyers are holding aloof except in cases where purchases are absolutely necessary.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

AMARA, British str., 1,655, C. J. Matlock, 16th Jan.—Shimonoseki 11th Jan., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

AMERICA MARU, Japanese str., 3,460, Philip H. Goings, 15th Jan.—San Francisco 13th Jan. Mail and General—Tokyo Kaisha.

AMIGO, German str., 832, W. J. Baines, 18th Jan.—Hobow 16th Jan., General—Jensen & Co.

ANGELIN, German str., 1,001, C. Kumpel, 19th Jan.—Bangkok 12th Jan., Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

ARIAKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,387, T. Ota, 5th Jan.—Moji 30th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,203, H. E. Walker, 1st Jan.—Chinkiang 25th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHARLOTTE, British str., 2,355, W. G. Thomas, 27th Dec.—Barry 5th Nov., Coal—Naval Store Officer.

CHONGHONG, British str., 1,256, F. Wheeler, 20th Jan.—Chefoo and Weihaiwei 15th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHUNG, British str., 1,176, J. Warrack, 16th Jan.—Haiphong Jan. 13th, & Hoihow 16th, Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

CUTLIER, Norwegian str., 1,102, H. Nielsen, 20th Jan.—Bangkok Jan. 11th, via Swatow 10th, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CHITRE, Chinese str., 1,177, G. Stewart, 18th Jan.—Shanghai 15th Jan., General—Chinese.

DAKOTA, British str., 2,592, Ross, 16th Jan.—San Francisco 18th Dec., Kerosene Oil—Standard Oil Co.

DEWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 21st Jan.—Saigon 17th Jan., Rice—Chinese.

EMPIRE, British str., 2,843, P. T. Helms, 20th Jan.—Kobe 15th Jan., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

EMERALD, British str., 3,039, H. E. Walker, 13th Jan.—Vancouver, B.C., 24th Dec., via Japan Ports and Shanghai 11th Jan., Mail and General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 15th Jan.—Fochow Jan. 12th, Amoy 13th, & Swatow 14th, General—Douglas, LaPraik & Co.

HILARY, German str., 1,350, H. Uecker, 22nd Jan.—Macassar 13th Jan., General—Java-China Japan Line.

HUTCHIN, British str., 1,311, E. Forsyth, 11th Jan.—Haiphong 9th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

JOSEPH MARU, Japanese str., 702, H. S. Smith, 21st Jan.—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 12th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

KIUKIANG, British str., 1,327, H. A. Warrack, 18th Jan.—Shanghai 15th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

KUMAMOTO MARU, Jap. str., 2,125, Z. Baba, 18th Jan.—Takao 16th Jan., General—H. Cruz & Co.

LUCHOW, British str., 1,216, Baddeley, 21st Jan.—Weihaiwei 15th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

MANDARIN MARU, Japanese str., 4,551, Peter Hallstrom, 22nd Jan.—Kuchinotsu 16th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MONTAGUE, British str., 6,163, S. Robinson, 14th Jan.—Vancouver 13th Dec., via Japan Ports and Shanghai 6th Jan., General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

NIKKO MARU, Japanese str., 5,593, J. Barrion, 21st Jan.—Nagasaki 17th Jan., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

NORD, Norwegian str., 730, G. Haraldsen, 14th Jan.—Bangkok and Amoy 7th Jan., Salt and Rice—Aarsaag Thorson & Co.

ONSANG, British str., 1,787, R. Cox, 17th Jan.—Java 5th Jan., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

OVER, British str., 2,556, Cabitt, 18th Jan.—Moji 12th Jan., Coal—Bradley & Co.

PERSIA, British str., 2,744, A. Dixon, 11th Jan.—San Francisco 7th Dec. & Portland, Or., 15th Dec., Flour—O. & O. S. S. Co.

PYTHAGORAS, German str., 1,207, D. Rimmers, 22nd Jan.—Bangkok Jan. 11th, via Swatow 1st, General—Butterfield & Swire.

PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 1,737, W. v. Senden, 15th Jan.—Sydney 18th Dec. and Manila 12th Jan., General—Melchers & Co.

PROGRESS, Norwegian str., 1,671, T. Schewig, 7th Jan.—Sandakan 2nd Jan., Timber—Wallen & Co.

SAMSON, German str., 993, F. Schmetz, 17th Jan.—Bangkok 6th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

SIXTA, German str., 992, Daeher, 5th Jan.—Singapore 28th Dec., General—Siemssen & Co.

SIBERIA, American str., 5,635, A. Zedler, 21st Jan.—San Francisco 21st Dec., via Ports and Shanghai 19th Jan., Mails and General—Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

SINGAN, British str., 1,048, F. Jamieson, 20th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 16th Jan., Rice and Line Stock—Butterfield & Swire.

STANLEY, Norwegian str., 294, H. N. Bell, 13th Jan.—Cebu and Philippines Island 8th Jan., Ballast—Wallen & Co.

SUPRANO, British str., 1,769, W. D. Welch, 19th Jan.—Hongay 17th Jan., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TAIHEUN, Chinese str., 1,216, R. Stephen, 22nd Jan.—Shanghai 19th Jan., General—Chinese.

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TJILATJAP	JAPAN	First half of Febr.	JAVA PORTS	First half of Febr.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Second half of Febr.	JAPAN	Second half of Febr.
TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Febr.	JAPAN	Second half of Febr.
TJIMAH	JAVA	Second half of Febr.	JAPAN	Second half of Febr.

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FOR	STRAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"YUNSHANG"	Friday, 24th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Friday, 24th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE & SOURABAYA	"CHONGSANG"	Saturday, 25th Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE & CHEFOO	"CHONGSHING"	Saturday, 25th Jan., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday, 28th Jan., 3 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 31st Jan., 4 P.M.

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